

Agenda – Assiniboia Community Committee – January 8, 2013

REPORTS

Item No. 11 Accelerated Construction Initiatives

Councillor Fielding, St. James-Brooklands Ward, has submitted the following resolution to the Assiniboia Community Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS the average motorist spends hours waiting in long construction lines, costing our economy and residents thousands of hours in lost economic productivity;

AND WHEREAS speedier construction and less traffic congestion on our streets would have a positive impact on the environment as it relates to emissions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Noise By Law allows for work from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and thus should be respected, and off- peak hour construction should only be initiated on major and regional traffic corridors;

AND WHEREAS Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Grand Forks and many other cities in the United States and throughout the world allow road construction at night and on the weekend,

which has helped reduce traffic congestion;

AND WHEREAS accelerated construction major capital works require evaluation to determine if accelerated construction is financially viable or practical on a project completion schedule;

AND WHEREAS accelerated construction and penalties or incentives for completion of capital construction work were successfully implemented in 2012, on the following projects:

- Fort Street reconstruction
- St. James Street rehabilitation
- Mill and fill work
- St. Anne's Road

- St. Mary's Road
- McPhillips Street
- Lagimodiere Boulevard
- Portage Avenue (Aldine to Sturgeon Road)

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service review and implement accelerated construction initiatives, evening and weekend construction and/or penalty and incentives for early completion of projects on the following Capital Works in 2013, namely:

- Upgrades to the Polo Park-St. James Street area throughout the 2013 and 2014 construction season
- Molson Street widening project
- Portage Avenue (east-bound) Rehabilitation (St. John's Ambulance Way to Sherburn Street)
- Mill and Fill Package, including the following projects:
 - St. Anne's Road, south-bound (Fermor Avenue-Lavalee Road)
 - Lagimodiere Boulevard, north-bound (Reenders Drive-Concordia Bridge),
 - St. Mary's Road (Coniston Street-Lyndale Drive)
 - Century Street improvements

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a status report and implementation plan be reviewed at the April, 2013 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.